SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal for 'in principle' clearance to Pipavav dual fuel based power station (615 MW) was received by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from M/s. Gujarat Power Corporation Limited (GPCL). The 'in-PrincipIe' clearance of CEA is accorded only to the Generating Company who executes the project to facilitate it in tying-up various inputs, including finances. Since M/s. GPCL is not the executing agency of the project and has still to identify the party for executing the project, the requisite 'in-principle' clearance could not be accorded and the proposal was returned by CEA in October, 1996.

Scrapping of Infrastructure Monitoring Cell

2087. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to scrap infrastructure monitoring cell under the Ministry of Planning & Programme Implementation;

(b) If so, the rationale behind the move; and

(c) The other superfluous cells to be wound up to control Government expenditure and fiscal deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no superfluous cell, therefore, the question of its winding-up does not arise.

Low Cost Solar Heating Technology in Himachal Pradesh

2088. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Himachal Pradesh Government regarding introduction of low cost solar heating technology in far flung border and tribal areas of the State?

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider extending this facility to the said areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) (a) and (b) Based on proposal received from Himachal Pradesh Government, the Ministry has already sanctioned serveral projects regarding introduction of solar heating technology in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The on-going projects include;

(i) Partial financial assistance for preparing detailed project reports for solar assisted buildings to be constructed in various places in Himachal Pradesh; (ii) research & development projects on low cost solar driers, and solar passive architecture; (iii) financial assistance for organising workshops for popularising solar efficient building designs; (iv) financial assistance for demonstration, training, publicity of solar cookers etc.,

Some of these projects also include applications in far flung border and tribal areas of the State.

(c) Does not arise.